



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region



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Mr. Charles Uhlmann
The Uhlmann Offices, Inc
13245 Riverside Drive, Suite 500
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**SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL REPORT, PURSUANT TO
CALIFORNIA WATER CODE (CWC) SECTION 13267**

**SITE: FORMER STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS, 2980 SAN FERNANDO
BOULEVARD, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 104.1002)**

Dear Mr. Uhlmann,

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within major portions of Los Angeles County and Ventura County, including the subject Site.

In accordance with our responsibilities for the protection of water quality and beneficial uses, this Regional Board issues you the enclosed Order for technical report requirements pursuant to California Water Code section 13267. Operations at the Former Stainless Steel Products facility included the use of hexavalent chromium, sodium dichromate and, chromic acid. Chrome plating was performed on site. Regional Board records indicate that 450 pounds per year (lbs/yr) of chromic acid (alodine 1201) was used to coat production parts and 600 lbs/yr sodium dichromate was used to clean parts, as well as, used in the processing tanks. The potential impact of the described operations, to the subsurface soils of your property, has not yet been defined.

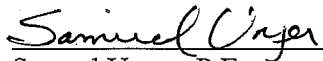
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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/electronic_submittal

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Should you have any questions related to this project, please contact Mr. Larry Moore (Case Manager) at (213) 576-6730 or LMoore@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

cc: Ms. Lisa Hanusiak, USEPA Region 9
Mr. Leighton Fong, City of Glendale
Mr. Robert McKinney, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Mr. Thomas Erb, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Mr. Bill Mace, City of Burbank Water Supply Department
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ORDER TO PROVIDE A TECHNICAL REPORT FOR SUBSURFACE SOIL INVESTIGATION

CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13267

DIRECTED TO THE UHLMANN OFFICES, INC.
FORMER STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS
2980 SAN FERNANDO BLVD., BURBANK, CALIFORNIA
(FILE NO. 104.1002)

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) makes the following findings and issues this Order pursuant to California Water Code section 13267.

1. The site is located at 2980 San Fernando Boulevard, Burbank, California. The site was developed and occupied by Stainless Steel Products (SSP) in 1952. The Former Stainless Steel Products is an inactive, but wholly owned subsidiary of Senior Public Limited Company (PLC) Group, Aerospace Division (multinational corporation) Currently, the site is operated as Senior SSP Aerospace.. The property is currently owned by First Industrial Real Estate. In 1987, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Regional Board initiated a site investigation to determine whether past onsite operations had released volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to the soil and groundwater. Operations at the Former Stainless Steel Products facility included the use of hexavalent chromium, sodium dichromate and, chromic acid. Chrome plating was also performed on site. The 1987 investigation focused on volatile organic compounds (VOCs); not on heavy metals. The potential impact of the chrome plating operations to the subsurface soils of your property has not yet been defined.
2. California Water Code section 13267(b)(1) states, in part: In conducting an investigation, the Regional Board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or, discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste within its region shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports which the Regional Board requires. The burden, including costs, of these reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the Regional Board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports.
3. In a response to a letter dated August 19, 1987, issued by the USEPA requesting chemical usage and quantity, Stainless Steels Products indicates that 450 lbs of Chromic Acid (Alodine 1201) was used to coat production parts and 600 lbs/year Sodium Dichromate was used to clean parts, as well as, used in the processing tanks.

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4. This Order identifies Mr. Charles Uhlmann as the responsible party for the discharges of waste identified in paragraph 3, because Mr. Charles Uhlmann owns the property on which the waste is or was discharged.
5. This Order requires the persons named herein to prepare and submit a workplan to conduct a subsurface soil investigation to determine if any unauthorized release of heavy metals has impacted the soil beneath the site.
6. The Regional Board needs this information in order determine the subsurface soil condition at the above named site prior to implementing additional remedial activity.
7. The burdens, including costs, of these reports bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. The information is necessary to assure complete characterization and adequate cleanup of the subject site, which may pose significant threats to public health and the environment.
8. The issuance of this Order is an enforcement action by a regulatory agency and is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15321(a) (2), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. This Order requires submittal of technical and/or monitoring reports and work plans. The proposed activities under the work plans are not yet known. It is unlikely that implementation of the work plans associated with this Order could result in anything more than minor physical changes to the environment. If the implementation may result in significant impacts on the environment, the appropriate lead agency will address the CEQA requirements prior to implementing any work plan.
9. Any person aggrieved by this action of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must *receive* the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Charles Uhlmann, pursuant to section 13267(b) of the California Water Code (CWC), is required to submit the following:

1. By **March 1, 2012**, a work plan shall be submitted for heavy metals investigation in soils at the subject site.

The above item shall be submitted to Mr. Larry Moore, Staff Environmental Scientist, 320 West 4th Street, Los Angeles, California 90013, lmoores@waterboards.ca.gov (213) 576-6730 and submitted by you under penalty of perjury.

The technical report is required to be submitted under the CWC section 13267 Order. Pursuant to 13267(a) of the CWC, any person who fails to submit reports in accordance with the Order is guilty of a misdemeanor. Pursuant to section 13268(b) (1) of the CWC, failure to submit the required technical report described above by the specified due date(s) may result in the imposition of administrative civil liability by the Regional Board in an amount up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day the technical report is not received after the above due date. These civil liabilities may be assessed by the Regional Board for failure to comply, beginning with the date that the violations first occurred, and without further warning.

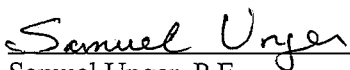
The Regional Board, under the authority given by California Water Code (CWC) section 13267, subdivision (b)(1), requires you to include a perjury statement in all reports submitted under the 13267 Order. The perjury statement shall be signed by a senior authorized Company Name representative (not by a consultant). The perjury statement shall be in the following format:

"I, [NAME], certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared by me, or under my direction or supervision, in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/cleanup/electronic_reporting/docs/final_electronic_regs_dec04.pdf.

SO ORDERED.



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Executive

Officer